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Criminal Charges Filed against Past Insurance Agent

The Utah Insurance Department's Fraud Division has filed criminal charges against former insurance agent Stewart Ian Rodgers. Rodgers has been operating under the name "SIR Insurance Group Online."

The Insurance Fraud Division received a complaint from a Salt Lake City car dealership with concerns that their insurance policy with Rodgers appeared to be non-existent, even though they had been paying premiums to an insurance company. Upon checking with the insurance company the complainant believed they were insured with they were told that no policy existed. Since then two other car dealership owners have discovered that they too have been paying for coverage that does not exist. It is alleged that Rodgers has been pocketing premiums for personal use.

Multiple felony charges have been filed against Stewart Rodgers in the Farmington, Utah Second District Court.

The Insurance Fraud Division is asking that anyone who has purchased a policy through Stewart Ian Rodgers or SIR Insurance Group Online, to contact their insurance carrier to verify that a policy does exist. The time period of concern is between January 2011 to September of 2012.

If anyone has information that could help with this investigation, please contact Deputy Director Shane Tiernan at 801-531-5398 or by email to stiernan@utah.gov.

The Utah Insurance Department is a State agency. Its mandate is to regulate insurance marketed and sold in Utah. Currently more than 90,000 agents, agencies, and insurers are licensed; domestic insurers are audited to verify financial stability and compliance with insurance laws; administrative action is taken against licensees found to be in violation of insurance laws; calls from consumers with questions or complaints are taken; and licensees and consumers are educated regarding insurance. For more information visit <http://www.insurance.utah.gov/> or call toll free in-state @ 1-800-439-3805 or locally @ 801-538-3077.

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